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MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Chief, DPD
Assistant Chief, DPD

SUBJECT : Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered

1. Out of the wilderness there comes a voice which is the cry of the bewildered or the maligned. I am not sure which is the case in this instance, however, sitting back and observing the relationship of DPD vis-a-vis the senior Agency officials, there appears to be a definite move afoot to "get DPD back to the fold of the Central Intelligence Agency". Undoubtedly the exemptions which DPD has enjoyed from the bureaucratic processes of this Agency have caused a definite envy and possible hostile attitude to arise in certain segments of that same Agency against DPD.

2. In the lower levels, this envy or forced hostile approach is more often than not carried on and perpetuated with sport and good humor. However, when it begins to reach the towers of the Inspector General and the Deputy Director (Support), I feel that we must take some positive remedial action to correct the misinformation and misapprehensions which are fostered in this strata. There are two concrete examples which cause me to call this to your attention.

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3. In the first instance we had none other than the Inspector General himself, accuse DPD to the Director as proposing [REDACTED] without a definite requirement or knowledge by other area divisions, and additionally, we played games with the [REDACTED] Project although there was no requirement for such an apparatus. The Inspector General's team in their survey trip [REDACTED] blandly recommended that the [REDACTED] Rigger Section be returned to the control of the Office of Logistics although that team did not attempt to query DPD to determine why it is necessary that it function as it now functions.

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4. The second example, incredible as it may be, is a memorandum from Colonel White to the Director of Personnel concerning the death benefits of the PDO's killed in Project [REDACTED]. In this memorandum Colonel White states, "I find that neither the Office of Personnel nor the Cover and Commercial Staff passed judgment on the type of employment contract or the type of cover that would be appropriate for these

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employees." Whether Colonel White knows and recognizes that DPD enjoys its own Cover Section, and whether or not this same Cover Section stands representative of the thinking of the Cover and Commercial Staff, is a moot point. However, there is no excuse for a statement indicating that the Office of Personnel was not privy to the type of employment contract under which the PDO's operated since the Contract Division of the Office of Personnel actually wrote the very same contracts which these PDO's had signed.

5. What I am getting at is the many accusations which are tossed at DPD, although unjustly, are left standing on the record with no effort on our part to correct these violations through the same sources and channels in which they came to us. The Director, for all he knows, thinks of DPD as going out for a lark with the [REDACTED] in dreaming up a weird agent apparatus for which we have no requirement, and Colonel White thinks that we administer our contracts within a vacuum - unconcerned with normal Agency standards and practices. Hence, if we do not refute these erroneous allegations, we stand to be forced within the webwork of Agency controls which undoubtedly will hamper our efficiency and alacrity and defeat the very purpose and principles for which and on which this Division was initially established. Amen. 25X1C4c

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